

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY AREA COMMITTEE (AREA 7)

MINUTES

of meeting held on **3 SEPTEMBER 2012** at the Council House
from 5.00 pm to 6.31 pm

- ✓ Councillor Morley (Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Parton (Vice-Chair)
- ✓ Councillor Culley
- Councillor Fox
- ✓ Councillor Longford

Community Representatives

- Mr D Allen) North Wollaton Residents' Association
- Mrs L Dilks)
- ✓ Mrs P Peck - Wollaton Park Community Association
- Mr T Kerry - Friends of Wollaton Local Nature Reserve
- ✓ Mrs T Marshall - Wollaton Park Residents' Association
- ✓ Mrs P Meese - Lenton Abbey Family and Friends Funday/
Lenton Abbey 15th Nottingham Scout Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Care Group
- vacancy - Wollaton Village and Park Conservation Society
- vacancy - Wollaton and Lenton Abbey Neighbourhood Watch
Association
- ✓ Mr B Smith - Lenton Abbey Residents' Association
- ✓ Dr A J Swannell - Wollaton Vale Residents' Association

✓ - indicates present at meeting

Also Present

- ✓ Councillor D Liversidge - Portfolio Holder for Adults, Housing and the
Community Sector (for minute 18)
- Ms P Bradbury)
- Mr J Fitzpatrick) SSE Contract Lighting Services
- Mr M Neary)

Officers In Attendance

- Mr J Marsh - Locality Manager (Central Area))
- Ms L-A Renwick - Neighbourhood Development)
- Officer) Communities
- Melanie Fretwell - Principal Enforcement Officer,)
- Community Protection)
- Ms K Ball) Head of Early Intervention and)
-) Market Development)
- Ms C Brudenell) Director, Quality and) Children and Families
-) Commissioning)
- Mr S Oakley) Head of Quality and Efficiency)
- Mr M J Parker - Constitutional Services Officer - Resources

Please note: except where otherwise indicated, all items discussed at the meeting were the subject of a report which had been circulated beforehand.

ACTION

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Fox, Mrs Dilkes and Mr Allen.

14 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

No declarations of interests were made.

15 MINUTES

RESOLVED

- (1) that, subject to noting minor revisions to allocations approved under minute 8 as a result of inclement weather, the minutes of the last meeting held on 21 May 2012, copies of which had been circulated, be confirmed and signed by the Chair;**
- (2) that Neighbourhood Services colleagues be thanked for organising the recent, informative visit to incineration and recycling facilities;**
- (3) that the following reports by Ms Renwick and Mr Marsh, be noted:**
 - (a) a further successful meeting between traffic management colleagues, Councillor Norris (as relevant Portfolio Holder), students and staff of Middleton Primary and Nursery School regarding vehicle parking and student safety and the raising of these issues by young people at a recent school assembly, attended by parents (minute 5);**
 - (b) receipt of confirmation that the lighting specifications for Lambourne Drive were to British Standard (minute 7(a))**
 - (c) progress on parking issues at Bramcote Lane Shops was still being investigated (minute 7(b));**
 - (d) that there were currently no proposals to decommission the play area on Sutton Passeys Crescent, it being also noted that a further meeting with Mr Curry would be arranged to discuss options for the development of the site to provide a good quality solution and linking possible bids for additional funding to the desirability of providing equipment for a number of disabled children who lived in the locality (minute 7(c)).**

**J. Marsh/
A Greener**

ACTION**16 ITEM SUBMITTED BY MRS L DILKES –
DEVELOPMENT OF RADFORD BRIDGE ALLOTMENTS**

RESOLVED that the update by Mrs Dilkes provided by Councillor Parton, outlining the continued opposition to the proposed development by local residents, supported by a petition against development signed by over 3,000 people, that the waiting list for vacant allotments currently stood at in excess of 100 and that a revised proposal for development would be similarly opposed, be noted.

**17 REPLACEMENT OF STREET LIGHTING IN
WOLLATON AND LENTON ABBEY**

The Chair welcomed Ms Bradbury, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Neary of SSE Contracting to the meeting. The company was the chosen partner of the City Council for the programme to replace all street lighting in the City over five years and maintain the new stock for twenty years.

A DVD was viewed which outlined the replacement process(es) for lighting stock and the benefits of new systems for the environment, reduced costs and reductions in crime arising from the 'white light' system improving general and closed circuit and visibility. Location of replacement stock may differ slightly from the existing, but would still be to British Standard. Work, which could take up to 10 working days, would also be subject to independent certification. Existing official signage attached to lampposts would also be replaced as part of the programme and this would include any signs erected to control dogs on leads. Ms Bradbury agreed to provide lists of lamppost numbers and work completed.

Ms Bradbury

RESOLVED that the presentation be noted and Ms Bradbury, Mr Fitzpatrick and Mr Neary be thanked for their attendance and comments.

**18 STREAMLINING INVESTMENT TO THE
VOLUNTARY COMMUNITY SECTOR
(Director for Quality and Commissioning)**

The Chair welcomed Councillor Liversidge, Ms Brudenell Ms Ball and Mr Oakley to the meeting.

Consideration was given to a report of the Director for Quality and Commissioning, copies of which were provided at the meeting. Councillor Liversidge, Ms Brudenell and Ms Ball provided the context for a current review of the ways in which the City Council delivered financial and other support to voluntary sector organisations and the challenges faced by the Authority in refining current arrangements to introduce a transparent, fair, simplified and cost effective process to deliver future support which reflected City Council priorities and available funds.

ACTION

RESOLVED that the report be noted and Community Representatives forward comments on the proposals via the Neighbourhood Development Team.

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Development
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**19 URGENT ITEM – PROPOSED DOG CONTROL ORDER,
LENTON ABBEY ESTATE**
(Director of Community Protection)

Further to minute 11 dated 21 May 2012, consideration was given to a report of the Director of Community Protection, copies of which had been circulated.

The Area Committee noted the proposal to specify a maximum length of 40 inches for any retractable dog lead, but felt that this was insufficient and should be increased to 60 inches.

RESOLVED

- (1) that the information detailed in the report be noted;**
- (2) that, having regard to the evidence provided at its meeting on 21 May 2012 and the information available to it at this meeting, including the results of the formal consultation the Area Committee was satisfied that the introduction of Dog Control Orders for Lenton Abbey Estate was a necessary and proportionate additional measure:**
 - (a) to help address the problem of dogs being allowed to roam around freely without being properly controlled by way of a lead, and**
 - (b) to require the removal of dog faeces.**
- (3) that, in respect of comments received during the formal consultation period:**
 - (a) verbal comments that the proposed maximum length of the retractable lead of 60 inches was too short to allow dogs to roam, be noted;**
 - (b) the Area Committee was satisfied that the maximum length of 60 inches for a retractable lead was sufficient to allow dogs to roam and should be confirmed;**
- (4) that the Director of Legal and Democratic Services or Legal Services Manager be authorised to make Dog Control Orders for Lenton Abbey Estate containing enforcement requirements to keep dogs on a lead and remove dog faeces, as indicated in the draft Orders attached to the report;**

M Fretwell/
T Wilson

ACTION

- (5) that the Director of Community Protection be authorised to place necessary advertisements and arrange for appropriate signage to be erected in accordance with legislative requirements;
- (6) that the amount for Fixed Penalty for offences contrary to the proposed Dog Control Orders be set at £50, in line with the current amount for dog fouling offences across the City.

20 DEVELOPMENT OF WOLLATON PARK HALL PLAYGROUND
(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, copies of which had been circulated. The report sought financial support towards the initial stage of the development of Wollaton Park Hall playground to improve the venue as a citywide destination park for all Nottingham residents and a visitor attraction.

It was emphasised that funding support provided at this early stage must be regarded as 'pump priming' to enable proposals to be developed and sources of additional/alternative funding (such as the National Lottery) to be explored. Such funding would not represent the totality of any support by the City Council. The need for a high quality design solution for the venue was reiterated.

RESOLVED that up to £35,000 be approved from Area Committee budgets towards the cost of initial costs of developing a solution for Wollaton Park Hall playground, to begin the design process and help secure additional grant funds.

21 AREA CAPITAL FUND APPROVALS
(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, copies of which had been circulated. The report provided information on projects undertaken in Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards, which had been funded under the programme.

Allowing for expenditure identified in the report, £58,394 in Wollaton West and £13,038 in Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey would be prioritised for spending after consultation with Ward Councillors. It was noted that footpath works at Charles Avenue (Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey) would need to be redone by the contractor, who had previously failed to kill weeds.

RESOLVED that the Area Capital Fund programme of schemes for Wollaton West and Wollaton East and Lenton Abbey wards, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

ACTION

22 ACTIONS TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY
- WARD ALLOCATIONS

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, copies of which had been circulated. The report summarised allocations from Ward Councillor individual budgets in support of applications for financial assistance from local community groups in the Area since the last meeting.

RESOLVED that the details of financial support provided to local community groups, be noted.

23 WARD PERFORMANCE REPORTS QUARTERS 1-4
- FORMAT AND CONTENT

(Director of Neighbourhood Services)

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services, copies of which had been circulated. The report incorporated an example of the current generic template which would be used to provide information to all Area Committees in a common format and an example of the report personalised for Wollaton West ward was made available.

Councillors and Community Representatives welcomed the opportunity to receive such reports in the future, provided that information they contained accurately reflected the situation relevant to each ward and was in easily understood formats. Copies of the report(s) would be distributed generally in each ward, with A5 sized summaries being made available in libraries and community centres and on the internet.

A number of minor location and naming inaccuracies were identified and it was agreed that further comments should be forwarded to the Neighbourhood Development Team.

**Community
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Development
Team**

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 3 December 2012, beginning at 5.00 pm